

Call for Authors and Reviewers

Submission of articles for publication on the Build Security In web site is invited. Offers to serve as a reviewer of submitted articles are also welcome.

Build Security In (BSI) is a collection of best practices, tools, guidelines, rules, principles, and other resources that software developers, architects, and security practitioners can use to build security into software in every phase of its development.

BSI is a project of the Software Assurance program of the Strategic Initiatives Branch of the National Cyber Security Division (NCSA) of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The mission of the Software Assurance program is to seek ways to reduce defects in the design and coding of software and thus reduce the vulnerability of enterprises and critical infrastructures to cyber attack.

General Criteria for Acceptance and Submission Guidelines¹

Reviewing Articles²

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When evaluating submissions for publication, the editors will give significant weight to those that report practical and scalable techniques, tools, and methods. Case studies and actual experience will be preferred over theoretical or definition papers. Submissions may be either new articles or articles that have been published elsewhere.

Manuscripts must not exceed 15 pages single spaced in 12 point Times New Roman. Submissions in excess of this limit may be rejected without review. Articles will be peer reviewed and are subject to editing for web site style, clarity, organization, and space. We reserve the right to edit the title of all submissions.

Submitting New Articles

If you are planning to write a new article, please submit a title, an abstract of no more than 120 words, and an outline of the article to bsi-submissions [at] sei.cmu.edu.

If your abstract is accepted, submit your article in Word format to bsi-submissions [at] sei.cmu.edu. Send any graphics separately in PNG or JPEG format.

New article schedule

Abstract Acceptance decision	Two weeks following submission
First draft submission	40 work days after acceptance of abstract
Acceptance notification	30 work days after first draft submission
Final draft submission	15 work days
Final Review and Editing	10 work days
Author response to editing comments	5 work days
Publication	5 work days

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Existing article schedule

Acceptance decision	30 work days after submission
Final draft submission	15 work days
Final Review and Editing	10 work days
Author response to editing comments	5 work days
Publication	5 work days

Submitting Finished, Unpublished Articles

If you have already written an article, you may submit the entire article rather than an abstract and outline. Please follow the schedule for existing articles above. Submit your article in Word format to bsi-submissions [at] sei.cmu.edu. Send any graphics separately in PNG or JPEG format.

Reviewing Articles

If you would like to serve as a reviewer, regardless of whether you are also submitting an article, please contact bsi-submissions[at]sei.cmu.edu.